

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 20, 2018

8:30AM

Present: Jody Brase, Cheryl Joseph, Jessie Petrillo, Maria Pastorini, Monisha Patel, Kelly Lantz, Gary Thompson, Jay Christopher
Guest: Renee Shane Boyd

I. **Call Meeting to Order**

Jody Brase

Jody Brase called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.
Maria Pastorini motioned to begin meeting, Monisha seconded.

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

Jody Brase

Kelly motioned to approve the minutes. Monisha seconded.

III. **Fine Arts Revision Updates**

Renee Shane Boyd

- FA revision began 15-16 SY; this was first year of implementation.
- Revision ideas stemmed from national organization that supports arts education
- District was already aligned with national standards before revision process, so it was smooth to work on it
- Feeling that our standards are more in line with national than state
- Four big standards to curriculum
 - Creativity/Innovation
 - Performing/Producing
 - Responding
 - Connecting
- Standards will speak to both new and returning teachers
- Hadn't had revision since 2001. Gave chance to make sure all levels are aligned (Elem-HS)
- New program this year: Guitar class (innovations class-- outside the mainstream). Very little recruiting, but still able to fill 6 full-year guitar classes. Next year has 2 full Int. and 4 full Beg. Can see it growing to multi-year program (such as Steel has).
 - Guitar students--those who are not involved in music in another way
- Next year: strings program ("Symphonic Strings"). Works well with other programs that we offer. Nine students enrolled. Within a few years will naturally grow.
- Clear delineation for Visual and Theatre Arts. This year, Theatre Arts had two acting ensembles. For VA, more clearly defined levels of 2D and 3D art.
- District designated a great deal of funding (~\$700K to Arts).
- Jay: makes sense, as it's one of the biggest strengths of our school. Also one of our strongest connections to CFSD community and Tucson community.
- Gary: always a surprise that we didn't previously have an orchestra. Will be good to have that opportunity on campus. Also, good feedback from students that Guitar class is yearlong
- Renee: first Guitar concert is May 2

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- Other districts having trouble sustaining these programs. Great that ours has growth.
- Gary: can always sell other families/friends on the district with our draw of the Arts programs and extracurricular programs.
- Jay: like that Guitar class is bringing in students not normally in Music classes. Supports our connection goal--connects students not otherwise connections. May not have focused on those two classes--Steel and Guitar--enough during accreditation. Can be used to support our movement going forward.
- Renee: once strings program gets solid, we should apply for "Grammy's" program.

IV. **Summary of Site Council Work 2017-18**

Jody Brase

- Counseling Revision: working with Mary Jo to align our program with ASCA and work on connections with students.
- Jay: Counseling Dept has to be focal piece with some of the goals brought up by accreditation. Jody: enhance relationships with students to foster those connections.
- Jody: summary of work this year. Purpose of Site Council is to provide stakeholders with information about our work as a school and to support efforts of student learning and achievement. There will be a report of this year's work (annual report). What the school/this group has been working on. Thanks to this group.
- Next year when we meet for first time, will review annual bylaws and possibly review this year's/previous years' reports. Hope to continue work with student connections with adults on campus.
- Jay: that report is summarized in Accountability Report

V. **Student Council Updates**

Gary Thompson

- Busy few weeks. Prom went great. Made profit.
- This week finalizing next year's Student Council group. Very good group of appointments.
- Next week: make-a-wish week. All proceeds will go to make-a-wish.
 - Students can buy stars
 - Dine-Out at Chipotle at Casas Adobes (4/24)
 - Powderpuff
- Make-a-wish has set up direct link, so if you make a donation it's earmarked as coming from CFHS. Not on InTouch, but directly through make-a-wish.
- Summer: ASC summer camp in Prescott. Region 6 (six states that broke away from national association) National Convention in Tucson at Mt. View HS-- plans to attend. Hand on workshops and learning what other councils are doing across country.

VI. **FFO Updates**

Monisha Patel

- Still working on Exec board for next year.

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- Hoping to start working on Fall Fling (looking at first full week of school--8/17)
- Grad Night going well, but numbers are down-- about 100 students have not purchased tickets. They CAN still buy tickets at Bursar's Office--though more expensive than originally.
- Jody: when we used to do registration process in cafeteria, we had more direct donations, yearbooks sold, etc
- Kelly: something to be said for one-on-one conversations.
- Cheryl: does OEX affect?
- Monish: looked at that-- 65-70% are in district
- Jody: we have had consistent numbers at Formal and Prom, so it's not that students don't want to be social.
- Monisha: may be a cohort-specific thing as well?
- Perhaps a personal email from Grad Night committee to encourage them to still purchase
- Jessie: request list of students who have not registered so that Counselors know and can perhaps touch base with students who have financial need
- Jay: volunteered to make personal contact with students who have not signed up. Can keep track of the "Why?" and potentially address in the future.
- Budget: "sad" this year. Decreased parent engagement over last several years. General donations/support/volunteering is down. Fundraisers we used to make good money on are no longer relevant (directories)
 - Kelly: make it a goal to find something that is current that everyone wants. Get creative and innovative to figure out how to get those dollars.
 - Monisha: kids are involved in so many other things, parents are strapped. Worried because FFO is the teacher support, and we don't want that to go away.
 - Cheryl: booster clubs have become a lot more fundraising based
 - Monisha: VVELC has an FFO, so by the time the students reach HS, parents are done
 - Gary: wife is doing this for OGMS (dine-outs). The red tape/contract piece is stressful.

VII. **School Update**

Jody Brase

- Jay: Tuesday-- had "Distance Classic". Track meet runs races in the distances using the electronic timing system accepted by state so that students can qualify to go to state. 13-14 teams and several heats of 3200 meters.

VIII. **Call to Public**

Jody Brase

- *Individuals who wish to address the site council are requested to complete a blue card. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda, however the topic may be placed on a future agenda. The Council requests that all comments be limited to three minutes or less.*

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IX. **Closure**

Jody Brase

Cheryl Joseph motioned to close meeting at 9:15. Maria Pastorini seconded.